

In the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A fuel tank cover assembly adapted for mounting on for a fuel tank having a fill tube projecting from a fuel tank, therefrom and adapted to cover a fuel cap for covering an open end of the fill tube, the cover assembly comprising:

a mounting member mounted on and receiving an end of the fill tube, the mounting member having a first lockable part; and

a cover member releasably attachable to the mounting member, the cover member having a housing and a second lockable part, the cover member being movable to a locking position wherein the housing prevents access to the fuel cap and wherein the first and second parts can be secured together by a lock; and

a funnel member is fixed to the open end of the fill tube, and the mounting member is attached to an exterior surface of the funnel member, the funnel member being received by the mounting member.

2. (cancelled).

3. (currently amended) The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 1, wherein:

one of the funnel and mounting members has a plurality of recesses formed therein, and the other of the funnel and mounting members has a plurality of projections projecting therefrom, each of the recesses receiving a corresponding projection when the mounting member is attached to the funnel member.

4. (currently amended) The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 1, wherein the mounting member comprises:

a hollow annular body; and

a plurality of spaced apart tabs projecting axially from a radially inner portion of the body, the tabs engaging the funnel member and coupling the body to the fill tube.

5. (currently amended) The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 4, wherein the mounting member comprises:

a first stub projecting generally radially outwardly from a side of the body; and

a second stub projecting generally radially outwardly from an opposite side of the body, the first stub having an aperture for pivotally receiving a tab flap which projects from the cover member, the second stub having an opening therein for

receiving a lock.

6. (currently amended) The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 1, wherein:
the cover member has a first tab projecting from one side thereof and the second lockable part comprising a second tab projecting from an opposite side thereof, the second tab having a slot extending therethrough; and

the mounting ring member comprises a first stub projecting generally radially outwardly from a side of the body, a second stub projecting generally radially outwardly from an opposite side of the body and a flange projecting from the second stub, the flange having an opening therein, the first stub having an aperture for pivotally receiving the first tab, the slot being adapted to receive the flange, and the opening being adapted to receive a lock.

7. (currently amended) A fuel tank cover assembly adapted for mounting on for a fuel tank having a fill tube projecting from a fuel tank, therefrom and adapted to enclose a fuel cap for covering an open end of the fill tube, the cover assembly comprising:

a funnel member is fixed to the open end of the fill tube;

a mounting member attached to the funnel member near its open end, the mounting member being attached to an exterior surface of the funnel, the mounting member having first and second stubs projecting therefrom; and

a cover member releasably attachable to the mounting member, the cover member having a housing and first and second tabs projecting therefrom, the first tab being pivotally coupled to the first stub, and the cover member being movable to a locking position wherein the housing prevents access to the fuel cap and wherein the second tab and the second stub can be secured together by a lock.

8.(original) The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 7, wherein:
the second tab and the second stub having openings extending therethrough.

9.(cancelled).

10. (currently amended) The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 7 9,
wherein:

one of the funnel and mounting members has a plurality of recesses formed therein, and the other of the funnel and mounting members has a plurality of projections projecting therefrom, each of the recesses receiving a corresponding projection when the mounting member is attached to the funnel member.

11. (original) The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 7, wherein the mounting member comprises:

a hollow annular body; and

a plurality of spaced apart tabs projecting axially from a radially inner portion of the body, the tabs coupling the body to the fill tube.

12. (cancelled).

13.(new) A fuel tank cover assembly adapted to be mounted on a fill tube projecting from a fuel tank, and adapted to enclose a fuel cap for covering an open end of the fill tube, the cover assembly comprising:

a funnel member mounted on and receiving an end of the fill tube, the funnel member comprising a hollow annular body, and a plurality of spaced apart fingers projecting axially inwardly from a radially inner portion of the body, the fingers coupling the body to the fill tube;

the mounting member receiving and mounted on the funnel member, the mounting member having a first lockable part, the mounting member comprising a first stub projecting generally radially outwardly from a side of the body, and a second stub projecting generally radially outwardly from an opposite side of the body, the first stub having an aperture for pivotally receiving a tab which projects from the cover member, the second stub having an opening therein for receiving a lock; and

a cover member releasably attachable to the mounting member, the cover member having a housing and a second lockable part, the cover member being movable to a locking position wherein the housing prevents access to the fuel cap and wherein the first and second parts can be secured together by the lock.

14.(new) A fuel tank cover assembly adapted to be mounted on a fill tube projecting from a fuel tank, and adapted to enclose a fuel cap for covering an open end of the fill tube, the cover assembly comprising:

a mounting member mounted on and receiving an end of the fill tube, the mounting member having a first lockable part; and

a cover member releasably attachable to the mounting member, the cover member having a housing and a second lockable part, the cover member being movable to a locking position wherein the housing prevents access to the fuel cap and wherein the first and second parts can be secured together by a lock;

the cover member having a first tab projecting from one side thereof and the

second lockable part comprising a second tab projecting from an opposite side thereof, the second tab having a slot extending therethrough; and

the mounting member comprising a first stub projecting generally radially outwardly from a side of the body, a second stub projecting generally radially outwardly from an opposite side of the body and a flange projecting from the second stub, the flange having an opening therein, the first stub having an aperture for pivotally receiving the first tab, the slot being adapted to receive the flange, and the opening being adapted to receive a lock.

15.(new) A fuel tank cover assembly adapted to be mounted on a fill tube projecting from a fuel tank, and adapted to enclose a fuel cap for covering an open end of the fill tube, the cover assembly comprising:

a mounting member attached to the fill tube near its open end, the mounting member having first and second stubs projecting therefrom, the mounting member comprising a hollow annular body, and a plurality of spaced apart arms projecting axially from a radially inner portion of the body, the arms coupling the body to the fill tube; and

a cover member releasably attachable to the mounting member, the cover member having a housing and first and second tabs projecting therefrom, the first tab being pivotally coupled to the first stub, and the cover member being movable to a locking position wherein the housing prevents access to the fuel cap and wherein the second tab and the second stub can be secured together by a lock, the first and second stubs project generally radially outwardly from opposite sides of the body of the mounting member, the first stub having an aperture for pivotally receiving the first tab of the cover member, the second stub having an opening therein for receiving a lock.